

# FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION

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217. GRADUATION	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board shall establish graduation requirements and acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program by awarding a diploma at graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52</p> <p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 102, 127, 213</p> <p>SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.24, 11.27 34CRF Sec. 300.102, 300.305 Pol. 113</p> <p>SC 1613 Pol. 102, 127</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.5, 11.8</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include course completion and grades, completion of a culminating project, and results of district and/or state assessments aligned with PA Core Standards.</p> <p>The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district who meets the requirements for graduation established by this Board as part of the district's Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The Board shall permit a student with a disability, who has attended four (4) years of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, even if the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) prescribes continued educational services. The student may receive a high school diploma when s/he completes the goals established in his/her Individualized Education Plan (IEP).</p> <p>A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of required assessments, work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which are aligned to established PA Core Standards.</p> <p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-seven (27) credits. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year of high school shall not be required if the student has been accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning and has completed all requirements for graduation. The Board also requires satisfactory completion of a culminating project and a twelve-hour service learning experience.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.</p>

<p>4. Guidelines Title 22</p> <p>Sec. 4.12, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52,</p> <p>Pol. 102, 127, 212, 213, 216</p> <p>SC 1613</p> <p>217-AR-1</p>	<p>Publication and distribution of graduation requirements to students and parents/guardians.</p> <p>Accurate recording and reporting of each student's achievement of academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p> <p>Students shall be informed regarding expectations of graduation requirements they are required to complete.</p> <p>Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</p> <p>A student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall not be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but the student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.</p> <p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p> <p><u>Early Graduation</u></p> <p>Students who successfully complete all of the graduation requirements and meet district and state standards may apply for early graduation at the end of the second semester of their junior year, first semester of their senior year, or at the conclusion of an approved summer school session following the junior year.</p> <p>After a student has completed all course/program requirements for graduation, the district has no further obligation or responsibility to provide an education program for the student.</p> <p><u>Students with Disabilities</u></p> <p>Fox Chapel Area High School diplomas will be awarded to eligible students who satisfactorily complete a special education program developed by an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) team. The building principal will certify these students for graduation.</p> <p><u>Equivalency Diploma</u></p> <p>Fox Chapel Area High School diplomas are not awarded to students who may earn an equivalency diploma through some alternative method such as the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or military equivalency diploma.</p>
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<p>217-AR-2</p> <p>SC 1611</p>	<p><u>Diplomas For Eligible Veterans</u></p> <p>Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.</p>
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